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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th November 1867.*

No. 474. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th October 1867, No. 6,516.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 6th September 1867, No. 251:—

1. In their Order of the 30th August 1866, No. 2,293, Revenue Department, the Government sanctioned the refund of the surplus of the Vellore and Arcot Lungurkhana Endowment Funds, in order that these accumulations might be employed in extending the operations of these two Lungurkhanas, and in maintaining such other poor-houses as might be temporarily established for the relief of the distress then so prevalent throughout this district.

2. The several items composing the amount to be refunded under these orders were these:—

Surplus of the Vellore and Arcot Lungurkhana Endowment Funds credited to Government up to the end of the official year 1863-64.— <i>Vide</i> Government Order, 2nd October 1865	rs.	A.	P.
...	18,818	0	0
Surplus of the Vellore and Arcot Lungurkhana Endowment Funds credited to Government for 1864-65.— <i>Vide</i> Local Fund Report for 1865-66, paragraph 4	2,036	0	0
Surplus unexpended from do. of 1865-66, as shewn by the Local Fund Report for that year...	3,423	9	7
Total...	24,277	9	7
Amount expended in extending the operation of the Lungurkhanas, and in establishing other relief-houses for the alleviation of the prevalent distress...	14,107	2	10
Remaining ...	10,170	6	9

3. In addition to the amount thus made available for relief operations, Rupees 6,000 were received from the Famine Relief Committee at Madras for the same purpose, and a further sum of Rupees 7,342-8-3 was realized by private subscription throughout the district. These two latter items, amounting to Rupees 13,342-8-3, were usefully laid out, and the small balance of Rupees 700, which remained over on adjusting accounts, was, under the authority of the Famine Relief Fund Committee, placed to the credit of the Civil Dispensary at Chittoor.

Vide General Famine Relief Fund Committee's Proceedings, dated 18th February 1867.

4. At the request of the Honorary Secretary to the Famine Relief Committee, an account of the receipts and disbursements relating to these operations from first to last throughout this district, was submitted with my letter, dated 24th July 1867, to Mr. Dalrymple's address.

5. My object in placing these statistics before the Board, is that I may thus introduce a proposition which I have

* Letter to the Secretary Famine Relief Fund Committee, dated 7th January 1867.
To do. 24th July 1867.

† Rupees 10,170-6-9.

urged more than once in my correspondence* with the Famine Relief Committee, that application may be made to Government for authority to appropriate the balance† of these Lungurkhana

funds towards the construction of a suitable building for the Vellore Civil Dispensary (now located in a hired house of inadequate dimensions), and for the establishment of a similar institution at Triputti. I would propose that the surplus should be allotted in the proportion of Rupees 5,000 to Vellore, and Rupees 4,500 to Triputti, the balance of Rupees 670-6-9 being left to meet contingencies.

6. From paragraph 45 of my Local Fund Report for 1865-66, dated 4th August 1866, No. 217, the Board would learn that it had been resolved, at a Meeting of the Members of the Managing Committee of the Civil Dispensary at Vellore, to purchase the building which is now rented for the purpose of a Civil Dispensary, and to enlarge and improve the accommodation from such portion of the surplus Lungurkhana funds as might be allotted.

7. I have since learned that this project is no longer practicable, as the proprietor of the house has declined to dispose of it at anything like a reasonable price. The sum of Rupees 5,000 will not be sufficient to provide an entirely new building. This, judging from the cost of the new Civil Dispensary at this station, could not, I think, probably be done under Rupees 8,500; but the balance, Rupees 3,500, would be easily made good by private subscription and to Government grant-in-aid.

8. I have proposed this apportionment of the surplus between Vellore and Triputti, rather than its allotment in full to the former place, because the experience of years has satisfied me that of all places in this part of the country the claim of Triputti to have such an institution is, whether regarded in its local aspects, or in the interests of the general health of the country, paramount in importance. In aid of the project thus far provided for, the Mahant, on the occasion of my last visit to Triputti, promised a donation of Rupees 1,500.

9. The Rupees 6,000 thus secured might probably be raised to Rupees 7,000 by subscriptions among the towns people; and a Government grant-in-aid equal to the amount subscribed by the Mahant and inhabitants would be claimable under the rules. It may thus be reasonably anticipated that there will be no difficulty in raising such a sum as would provide a neat commodious Dispensary for a place where of all others it is most required.

10. With this explanation, I beg respectfully to leave the matter in the Board's hands, and to solicit their support of my proposition that the surplus Lungurkhana fund should be apportioned, as I suggest, and declared available for the construction of suitable buildings at Vellore and Triputti.

In conclusion, I may mention that I am already in correspondence with the Superintending Engineer on the subject of a standard plan for such buildings, as the model of the new Dispensary at this station was objected to on sanitary considerations by the Honorable Mr. Ellis, when he inspected it in the earlier part of the year.

The foregoing letter will be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector's proposals for the disposal of the surplus Lungurkhana funds be approved. The plans and estimates for the buildings, with the amount of private subscriptions promised, should be forwarded as soon as the sanction of Government has been given to the proposal.

No. 475. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1867, No. 2,801.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government are not inclined to allow the distribution of the surplus Lungurkhana Funds in the manner proposed, but the rules do not provide for Government grants-in-aid of private subscriptions for building Dispensaries, and the amount necessary in the present instance, in excess of any contribution from the surplus Lungurkhana fund, must be raised by private subscription before the Government can sanction any payment. The contribution promised by the Triputti Mahant is very incommensurate with his known great wealth, and altogether inadequate when it is considered that the pilgrims to the shrine, who mainly provide his income, are themselves the cause of the necessity for establishing a Dispensary there which is said to exist.

2. It is, moreover, observed that the surplus in question is partly derived from an endowment which was intended for the benefit of Arcot, and it deserves consideration whether this town or the adjacent stations of Ranipett or Wallajah-nuggur are not first entitled to a share in the employment of the surplus, before Triputti is aided from this source.

3. But apart from these considerations, the Government see reason to call for further information as to the mode of calculating this surplus, so far as regards the first item of Rupees 18,818.

4. The establishment of the Vellore and Arcot Dispensaries from the surplus Lungurkhana funds was expressly sanctioned in G. O., dated 16th May 1854, No. 478, Public Department, on the condition that they were to cause no expense to Government beyond the cost of medicines, and the annual charge against the surplus fund was estimated at Rupees 4,776. In G. O., dated 2nd October 1865, No. 1,026, paragraph 5, it is assumed that the allotments on this scale had not been expended in the three official years 1861-62, 1862-63, and 1863-64, but it was certainly understood that such charges as had been incurred had been met from the surplus fund.

5. On referring, however, to paragraph 10 of the Collector's letter of 23rd March 1865, printed in these last Proceedings, it appears that he took credit for the whole amount of the allotments set apart for the Dispensaries at Rupees 4,266 yearly, or for three years Rupees 12,798, while from paragraphs 11 and 12 of the same letter, it would appear that the cost of the Dispensaries for three years must have aggregated Rupees 6,900, including the special remuneration to the medical attendants, but exclusive of the cost of medicine, or Rupees 4,200, excluding both these items.

6. It would appear that one or other of these sums was fairly chargeable against the Lungurkhana surplus, under the conditions on which the Dispensaries were established, and the deduction of even the smaller sum from the surplus of Rupees 10,170, with which the Collector now proposes to deal, will materially affect his project, and would leave but little more than the sum which he proposes to devote to the benefit of Vellore alone.

7. It is observed that the Arcot or Ranipett Dispensary was not temporarily closed till October 1864, and that the Vellore Dispensary was not closed at all, so

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that there would seem little doubt that the smaller at least of the two sums above mentioned, if not the larger, should have been credited to Government.

8. The Collector will report fully on the above matter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

ms. of B of R 10 October 1867. No. 6576.

In regard to the proposal of the Collector relative to the Dispensary which he would have built at Irupathi, I think something ought to be said as to the just expectations of the people of that place, that the Mahant of the Paloda should do more towards constructing the Dispensary than merely contribute the Rs. 1500.

It is notorious that the great call for medical aid at Irupathi is created by the influx of crowds of pilgrims who resort to the Paloda at stated periods, and one of whom leaves the holy precincts without having

made an offering of some kind -
whether in jewels or in money to
the institution, the whole of it
comes into the hands of the
Mahants, who, thanks to them, have
become a sort of Hindu
Potchard. See, for instance, the
sum recently refunded for income
tax on houses, levied on some
lacs of Company's paper, the
receipt of a "charitable institution".

Of these gildings who, apart
from the festival periods, are
visiting the Saloda at all
times in the year, did not come
then, as clearly appears from the
benefit of the Mahants Saloda.
Saddhants there would be no
real benefit for the Mahants.

at Supathi than at any other
small town in the N. coast dist^{ct}.

I do not think the rich and
well to do of Bellare should
be let off on the easy terms proposed
by the Government. It is to be 5000
Rs. to aid in building a Dispensary.
The 3500 Rs. further wanted, are
to be made good by private sub^{scri}
supplemented by the Govt. hand in aid.
That is, a place like Bellare is
to contribute, say, 1750 Rs. for
an institution such as the Govt.
desires to build, for which, besides the
grant in aid of Rs. 1750, Govt. will,
till the end of time, have to supply
gratis, medical aid &
medicines to any extent wanted.

I would not permit the
5000 Rs. to be applied in the

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Pro. Madras G. dated

Read the following Pro.

of the B. O. R.

(Here enter 10th Oct. 1867. No. 2790) ⁶⁵⁷⁶⁻

In their Pro. above recorded the Board forward for sanction a proposal of the Coll. of N. Arcot for the disposal of certain surplus Lingakhana funds.

M^r. Robinson points out that the present unexpended surplus of the Vellore & Arcot Lingakhana Endowment funds amounts to Rs 10,170-6-9 & requests permission to allot this in the proportion of Rs 5,000 to Vellore & Rs 4,500 to Tirupathi for the erection of Dispensaries at these two places. He estimates the cost of erecting a suitable building at Vellore at Rs 8,500 but does not show from what quarter the sum of Rs 3,500 in excess of the proposed allotment is to come.

Government fully recognize the importance of such an institution at Tirupathi, but they are of opinion that the expenditure of the surplus funds of the Vellore Lingakhana in the erection of a suitable Dispensary in ^{Vellore itself} that place is more in accordance with the

in manner proposed by the Board would the full defacing, 3500 Rs. have been raised by contributions from the native public of the town or district.

There are several Zemindars in the district who would doubtless aid, if properly pressed and lathered to do so, their brother Zemindars in the tedious district for whose 60,000 Rs. and add were extracted

done by *W.D.*

might sanction the distribution of the Rs 10,500 between Vellore & Tirupathi in the manner proposed by the Collector, but would point out that the Officer has the power to act as a rule for funds in aid of building for dispensaries and that there

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under date the 26 Novr 1867.

Read the following

Pro: of the Board of Revenue

Submitting letter
from Collr of Madras
with the Bd's recommenda-
tion that proposal of the
Collr for disposal of the
surplus Lingurkhana Funds
be approved.

(Here enters 10th Decr
1867, No 6567/-

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not disposed to allow the
distribution of the surplus
Lingurkhana funds in
the manner proposed, but
the rules do not provide
for Govt grants in aid
of private subscriptions
for building dispensaries
and the amount neces-
sary in the present in-
stance in respect of
contribution for
surplus Lingurkhana

... dance with the original object of the en-
dowment than the transfer of any part
thereof for the erection of a similar build-
ing elsewhere.

It is, therefore, sanctioned the
necessary expenditure from the Surplus
Lingurkhana Funds for the erection of a
Dispensary at Vellore, the balance being
left to meet contingencies.

The plan & estimate for
the building has been approved & sanctioned
before the work is commenced.

Copy to the Secy to Govt
Madras.

... and the plan
of the building has
been approved. I think that the
Collector should make
an endeavour to obtain
a larger subscription
from the Trustees of the
Salem Pagoda which
is the origin of the fund.
If these Pagodas will
not subscribe voluntarily
the Government may
... for sanitary purposes.

L.R. institution would
be a improvement
to the present one
and would be
a very good
thing for the
people of the
district.

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fund must be raised
by private subscription
before the Govt can
sanction any payment.
The contribution pro-
-mised by the Tripatti
Merchant is very inco-
-mensurate with his
known great wealth,
and altogether inade-
-quate when it is con-
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